(c) Yes.

(d) Government has been guided by the two objectives of ensuring that the perpetrators who planned, organised and trained the terrorists in Pakistan are brought to justice, and that the infrastructure of terrorism which exists in Pakistan is dismantled to prevent recurrence of such attacks.

Visit of British Foreign Secretary

439. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has reacted sharply to visiting British Foreign Secretary on his views on Jammu and Kashmir published in U.K. newspapers that resolving the Kashmir disputes would help deny extremists in the region one of the main reasons for taking to arms;

(b) whether U.K. approved that the trail of terrorists by Pakistan in their own country is agreeable;

(c) whether almost all other countries agreed to India's proposal for immediate action against the culprits and hand over them to India; and

(d) if so, the number of countries which supported India and the help they have provided to India in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) In response to the visiting UK Foreign Secretary views on Jammu and Kashmir published in the UK newspaper, the Official Spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs conveyed to the media: "Mr. Miliband is entitled to his views, which are clearly his own and are evolving. India is a free country and, even if we do not share his views, he is free to express them. However, we do not need unsolicited advice on internal issues in India like J and K." In the official talks, was unequivocally conveyed to the UK Foreign Secretary that it would be a grave mistake to link Kashmir to Mumbai and other terrorist related incidents.

(b) In a statement to the UK Parliament on December 15, 2008, the British PM Gordon Brown had stated that the plots hatched in the FATA have a direct impact on the UK: of the security services' top priority terrorist investigations, three quarters have links to Pakistan.

(c) and (d) The international community has strongly condemned the Mumbai terrorist attacks and has shared our concerns that perpetrators of terror attacks be brought to justice. The international community has also worked with us, using its influence on Pakistan to ensure that the terrorist infrastructure and the support provided to such elements is put to an end.